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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Our Case No. 02-1031-A)

In re Application of:	)	
Engel, et al.	)	Examiner: Vanessa L. Ford
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10/673,054	)	Group Art Unit: 1645
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September 26, 2003	)	
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For:	)	Confirmation No.:1228
Cell Lysis Composition, Methods of Use,	)	
Apparatus, and Kit	)	

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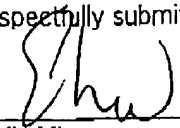
Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Response to Office Action Dated January 30, 2007
2. With respect to fees:
  - a) No fee is required.
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2007, please consider the following amendments and discussion below. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

A Listing of the Claims section can be found on page 2.

A Remarks section can be found on page 8.